

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1-17 (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) A nucleotide sequence ~~according to claim 17~~, wherein said nucleotide sequence encodes ~~the~~ an amino acid sequence ~~in Figure 5~~ which begins at nucleotide number 666 and ends at nucleotide number 3165 according to SEQ ID NO: 7.
19. (Currently amended) A nucleotide sequence ~~according to claim 17~~ wherein said sequence is the nucleotide sequence ~~in Figure 5~~ which ~~beings~~ begins at nucleotide number 666 and ends at nucleotide number 3162 according to SEQ ID NO: 7.
20. (Currently amended) A vector comprising a nucleotide sequence according to claim ~~17~~ 24.
21. (Previously presented) A vector comprising a nucleotide sequence according to claim 18.
22. (Previously presented) A vector comprising a nucleotide sequence according to claim 19.
23. (Canceled)
24. (New) A nucleotide sequence wherein said sequence is the nucleotide sequence which begins at nucleotide number 3 and ends at nucleotide number 642 according to SEQ ID NO: 7.